

**Certificate of Need Task Force Meeting
October 6, 2005
Meeting Minutes**

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT

Representative Barbara Bailey
Norm Charney
Representative Eileen Cody
Steve Hill, Administrator, HCA
Denise Hopkins
Kathy Marshall
Robby Stern
Senator Pat Thibaudeau
Janet Varon,
Carolyn Watts
Rick Woods

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT

Senator Alex Deccio
Dorothy Graham
Mary Selecky, Secretary (represented by Bill White), DOH

OTHER ATTENDEES

Nancy Fisher, MD, HCA Medical Director
Linda Glaeser, RN, HCA Project Manager
Gary Fugere, HCA Assistant Project Manager
Regina Gallwas, HCA Assistant Project Manager
Beverly Skinner, HCA
Heidi Alsworth, Swedish Medical Center
Vicky Austin, Providence/NW Kidney Centers
Gary Bennett, DOH
Jane Beyer, Legislative Staff

Chris Blake, Legislative Staff
Rick Cooper, The Everett Clinic
Jody Carona, Health Facilities Planning & Development
John Donaghy, SEIU #199
Heather Daechall, DaVita
Monica Demitor, DaVita
Bart Egan, DOH
Cynthia Forland, JLARC
Jo Isrigg, Providence Health System
Lisa Jeremiah, JLARC
Jim Jesernig
Gail McGaffick, WSHPCO, RCG, HCAW
Robb Menaul, WSHA
Pete Menzies, Legislative Staff
Kristin Miles, UW
Chuck Novak, UW
Richard Petrich, MultiCare
Byron Plan, DOH
Palmer Pollock, Northwest Kidney Center
Lane Savich, Swedish Medical Center
Sarah Shannon, UW
Janet Sigman, DOH
Melanie Stewart, Renal Care Group
Joyce Stockwell, DSHS/RCS
Jolynn Suko, Virginia Mason
Phil Watkins, MultiCare

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Topic	Discussion/Decision	Follow-up
Welcome	Task Force members introduced, housekeeping information shared, agenda approved.	
Task Force Operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elect Chair Budget overview Review Charter Review Ground Rules Review decision-making process Communications – web and e-mail CON Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Steve Hill nominated Norm Charney to become the Chair. Members expressed need to get to know one another before appointing permanent Chair. Representative Cody moved to approve the nomination of Norman Charney as Acting Chair. Seconded, Approved. Steve Hill presented the \$250,000 budget overview for performance and audit of CON. Discussion of the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC) Study on Certificate of Need, due in June 2006, with a preliminary report due May 2006, will run parallel with the CON Task Force. The legislative intent is to improve the process. The charter was discussed and reviewed. The ground rules were reviewed and approved. Use consensus process, and, if needed, produce majority and minority reports. Proposed, Seconded, and Approved. Comments and questions regarding the CON project should be directed to the HCA e-mail address. Information about the CON project can be found on the HCA Website (see links to the right). The Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will select two representatives to the Task Force. The skills needed on the TAC will determine the size of the TAC. Suggested number is 8 – 12. Needs: Geographic diversity, familiarity with needs of hospitals, specialties, health planning and policy, ethicist, private sector, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At upcoming JLARC meeting, Senator Thibaudeau will ask about moving up the timeframe for the Task Force to receive the report. <p>(Link)</p> <p>(Link)</p> <p>HCAOMD.@HCA.WA.GOV http://www.hca.wa.gov/conf/index.shtml</p> <p>TAC Nomination Subcommittee will meet Friday, October 14. CON Task Force teleconference, Wednesday, October 19.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed meeting schedule 	<p>consumers. Need skills that will compliment the skills of the Task Force members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A subcommittee was appointed by the Task Force Chair to review the TAC nominees and present a slate to the Task Force. Robby Stern consented to chairing the subgroup. Other subcommittee members include: Representative Cody, Denise Hopkins and Cindy Watts. Reviewed draft meeting schedule. Indicated need for further clarification, more details to follow. 	<p>Linda Glaeser will work with staff to finalize meeting schedule and share with teams.</p>
Certificate of Need Background	Linda Glaeser gave an overview and background of the CON Legislation.	
<p>CON Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Certificate of Need</u> <u>Licensure</u> <u>Long-Term Care</u> <u>Non-Hospital Surgical Setting</u> 	<p>Presentations were given by Department of Health representatives (Gary Bennet, Jan Sigman, Bart Egan, Byron Plan) and Joyce Stockwell from the Department of Social and Health Services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DOH has no enforcement authority Reviewed structure and process of care criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not have a specific Quality Charter Tertiary Service - if voluntary standard needs to be maintained. That a new facility will not impact an existing facility. Conditions are within scope of program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not do follow-up to validate that conditions are met 80% of total surgeries are not performed in Washington hospitals DOH is examining what type or level of oversight/regulation is needed for ambulatory care centers <p>Representative Bailey asked if process is subjective. Gary Bennett responded that outcomes are somewhat subjective, but there is a numerical methodology base.</p>	<p>There is a need for background data (back 10 years) to help paint the picture and see the trend. (Link) DOH will provide the CON Task Force the following information and/or material:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A matrix/flow chart of the current CON process; A list of CON licensed facilities and their locations; Data –the percent of approved vs. disapproved applications; Number of applications approved and disapproved; Number of applications that went to Superior Court, how many were upheld, or appeal turned around; Origin and definition of the term “Tertiary Care”;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How does DOH measure performance<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Timeframe○ With stood any challenge○ Facilities approved still exist; and• DOH web sites and copy of presentations will be added to the CON website.
Public Comments and/or Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Limit Comments to three minutes• Have a Comments sign-up sheet	